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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN ATTITUDES ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS

1. EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR WITH CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACTS IN TANZANIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD ME AUGUST 5 THAT:

(A) PAPER HAD BEEN PRESENTED AT RECENT OAU LIBERATION
COMMITTEE MEETING DAR ES SALAAM PROPOSING CO-OPTION OF ANGOLA'S
NETO AS "FIFTH FRONTLINE PRESIDENT". NO ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN
BECAUSE COMMITTEE SESSION WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH DJIBOUTI SSSUE,
BUT MAPUTO AND LUANDA WERE REPORTEDLY CONTINUING TO DISCUSS
MATTER.

(B) SENIOR TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAD RECENTLY
REMARKED THAT "EVEN IF AMERICAN INITIATIVE ON RHODESIA SHOULD
SUCCEED, WE WOULD NOT NOW BE IN A POSITION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

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OF IT BECAUSE OF DISUNITY WITHIN ANC."

2. COMMENT: (A) ABOVE STRIKES US AS CREDITABLE AND
CONFIRMS IDEA EARLIER SUGGESTED BY SOCIALIST COUNTRY AMBASSADOR
HERE. (B) IS NOT NEW IDEA, BUT THIS IS FIRST TIME WE HAVE
HEARD TANGOV ACTUALLY ADMIT IT. THIS REALIZATION OF FACTS
LIKELY BE ONE REASON BEHIND CONTINUED EMPHASIS HERE ON NAMIBIA
AS PRIORITY TARGET FOR WESTERN EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT
MAY ALSO HELP EXPLAIN CONTINUING AND SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUS LOCAL
EMPHASIS ON AFRICAN OPPOSITION TO "REPORTED US PRESSURE ON UK
TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN RHODESIA."
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